

Great Western Park Residents Association Minutes

Date and Time:	Thursday 12 th May 2016 at 7.30pm
Place:	Northern Neighbourhood Centre GWP
Attendees:	<p>John Boden (Chair) – JB David Slingo (Vice-Chair) - DS Natalie Hudson (Secretary) – NH Ron Milton-Eldridge (IT Admin) - RME Gareth Clarke (IT Admin) – GC W. Platts – WP Dave Roberts – DR Ruth Colman – RC David Colman – DC Linda Stannard – LS Jamie Moore – JM Gary De Klerk - GD Jackie De Klerk – JD Sean Bray - SB</p>

Agenda

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1.	Apologies: Paula Walters - Treasurer Mark Bodeker	
2.	Minutes of previous meeting: Reviewed and agreed it was a true account of the last meeting.	
3.	Matters arising: n/a	
4.	Correspondence: Confirmation of change of signatory from the Co-Operative Bank (removing previous Treasurer and adding current Treasurer Paula Walters).	
5.	Report back from officers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road consultation: Vice-Chair DS has queried the implementation of the double yellow lines and confirmed that they are not enforceable as the roads have not yet been adopted by the Council. Vice-Chair (on behalf of the GWPRA) stated that he would like to submit a response to the consultation and reminded residents that anyone can submit a personal response and all will be welcome to attend the consultation meeting (date TBC). Proposal to submit a response agreed by the majority – 13:1. - Amendment to constitution item 2, clause 5: ‘The Group will be a non-political association’. Chair proposed that this is changed to ‘the group will be a non-politically affiliated association’. Agreed by all. - Dissolution of present Committee: Present Committee was dissolved at 8.15pm. - Election of Committee members: <p>Chair – David Slingo nominated and agreed by all. Vice-Chair – John Boden nominated and agreed by all. Secretary – Natalie Hudson nominated and agreed by all. Treasurer – Paula Walters nominated and agreed by all. IT Administrator – Gareth Clarke nominated and agreed by all. (Agreed that Ron Milton-Eldridge will act as deputy and stand in for meetings Gareth is unable to attend). Fundraiser - No elected member. Will need to be re-advertised.</p> <p>New committee elected at 8.20pm. IT Administrator will re-assign the e-mail addresses to the correct people.</p>	

	<p>Outgoing Chair John Boden mentioned all past and present committee members and thanked them for their efforts and support over the past four years. Reflected on the BACA award the RA received in 2014 and how this is evidence of everyone's hard work.</p> <p>Newly elected Chair David Slingo thanked John for steering this association from the beginning in 2012. Chair encouraged residents to talk to their neighbours about the RA meetings and try to get more people involved. The RA will continue to represent residents regarding community issues and promote change. The social aspect of the committee has been neglected in recent months, mainly due to the absence of a fundraiser on the committee. Chair encouraged residents to consider whether they can assist with planning any events and to get in touch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Auditing of books: Resident Clare Hann has audited the RA's accounts. Agreed that flowers would be purchased to say thank you. 	
6.	<p>Things to be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resident asked how the RA meetings are advertised. RME explained that we created leaflets to distribute in the early days but that this became difficult as the development grew in size. The RA also uses electronic communication by way of the website, social media and a mailing list. Suggestions to improve communication included displaying posters in the shop, community centre, new notice boards and to ask Taylor Wimpey if they can include information in the welcome packs. As the RA has provided assistance to local community groups it was also suggested that we ask Mark Bodeker to promote the RA at local group meetings. - Resident raised the issue that signs have been erected stating that Boundary Park is going to be a dog-free zone. There is no mention of this in the plans. GC suggested that this has been put in place due to the behaviour of irresponsible dog owners. It is not clear how this will be enforced and if it is legally enforceable. Resident has emailed the 'right of way' team to enquire about this and will report back to the RA if a response is received. Another resident suggested that the reason may be because of the health and safety issues associated with dog fouling and sports as Boundary Park will mainly be a sports area. The suggestion of contacting the developer about this issue was made, however, the RA has not received responses from Taylor Wimpey with regards to other requests and therefore they may not respond to us on this occasion. - Kerb dropping has been taking place outside homes at GWP, with no prior warning from Taylor Wimpey. Resident 	<p>JB to approach Taylor Wimpey, display poster in shop, notice boards and community centre.</p>

	<p>advised that a ground floor flat now has a step instead of a ramp and is therefore no longer wheelchair accessible, (which was the understanding of the property when they moved in). Also, residents have not received any communication from Taylor Wimpey about the removal of the bollards on Dunnock End/Partridge Close. RME has enquired about this and has been assured that the bollards will be returning once the kerb dropping work has been completed. They were removed in order to improve traffic flow during these works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion about the new pavilion. Suggestion that residents may wish to organise a sports day event in the future. - Resident asked if there will be more stops placed further on in the development. RME advised that the bus route will extend to form a loop of the development and town, but it is unclear when this will happen. 	
7.	<p>Q & A: n/a</p>	
8.	<p>Resolutions: None.</p>	
9.	<p>Decisions taken by vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes of the previous meeting agreed. - Amendment to Constitution. - Agreed to submit the road consultation document (majority decision - 13 for, 1 against). - Purchase of flowers to thank Clare Hann for auditing the books. - Election of the committee. 	
10.	<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DS mentioned the governance review regarding boundary changes and the effects of GWP residents living in different districts e.g. council tax rates, refuse collection days. It is now three months since the RA sent a letter to SODC regarding this and we have not received a response. DS will keep residents updated. 	
11.	<p>Close meeting. The meeting was closed at 8.35pm.</p> <p>Next meeting: Northern Neighbourhood Community Centre Thursday 2nd June 2016 at 7.30pm.</p>	